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| Applicants:            | Roger Lacasse, et al.                |                             |
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| Title of Application:  | Filter Device For Filtering A Liquid |                             |
| Group Art Unit: 1723   | Examiner: Marianne S. Ocampo         |                             |

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed herewith, and in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 14, 2003.

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